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SUBJECT: UNFICYP

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1. IN CONVERSATION WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY DE PALMA APRIL
4, UN UNDER SECRETARY GUYER CHARACTERIZED CYPRUS SITUATION
AS " LOUSY" AND EXPRESSED SERIOUS DOUBTS INTER- COMMUNAL
TALKS CAN BE SUCCESSFUL.

2. GUYER NOTED NOTHING HAD AS YET BEEN DONE TO COMMENCE
PLANNING STUDY LOOKING TOWARD POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN
UNFICYP FORCE MENTIONED JANUARY BY ASSISTANT SECRETARY
URGUHART. GUYER FELT SYG' S REPORT THIS EC MBER TO SECURITY
COUNCIL SHOULD PRESENT COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF UN ROLE IN
CYPRUS, INCLUDING WHETHER UNFICYP SHOULD BE REPLACED BY
OBSERVERS. THIS WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR JUNE SC MEETING IN
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LIGHT OF INTER-COMMUNAL TALKS, BUT THERE SHOULD BE REALLY FRANK REPORT IN DECEMBER. HE ADDED ONLY GREEKS APPEAR FAVOR UNFICYP; IT IS GROSS INEQUITY THAT SOME PAY AND OTHERS DON'T; THIS MUST BE RESOLVED.

3. DE PALMA AGREED DECEMBER RIGHT TIME FOR MAJOR DECISIONS, BUT WONDERED IF SOME TRANSITIONAL ACTION REDUCING EXPENDITURES NOT POSSIBLE BY JUNE. GUYER NOTED THAT FORCE COMMANDERS AND IMPORTANTLY ALSO CONTINGENT COMMANDERS MAINTAIN THEY ALREADY AT MINIMUM LEVELS. ACCORDINGLY,

ANY MOVE TO SCALE DOWN WILL CREATE UPROAR.

4. DE PALMA SUGGESTED PERHAPS ECONOMIES MIGHT BE POSSIBLE WITH RESPECT TO SMALLER ITEMS, FOR EXAMPLE UNFICYP HOSPITAL. GUYER AGREED HOSPITAL WAS POSSIBILITY WITH GOOD ECONOMY WINDOW DRESSING UTILITY. MOREOVER, IF FINANCES REALLY DETERIORATE, ISSUE COULD BE DISCUSSED BEFORE DECEMBER. SYG VERY INTERESTED BUT OTHERWISE NOBODY MUCH CARES.

5. DE PALMA SAID WE TALKING TO UK AND CANADA. GUYER NOTED BRITISH FOCUSED ON OBTAINING CEILING ON UK CONTRIBUTIONS, ALTHOUGH THEY ALSO INTERESTED IN GENERAL ECONOMY. GUYER THOUGHT PERHAPS IN JUNE SYG COULD MAKE STRONG PITCH FOR ECONOMY, BUT GUYER DID NOT EXPECT THIS WOULD STIMULATE CONTRIBUTIONS AFTER HIS FRUITLESS SOLICITATION OF 30 GOVERNMENTS. MEANWHILE, SECRETARIAT WOULD PROCEED WITH PLANNING STUDY MENTIONED BY URGUHART.

6. WE SEEK TO ASSURE AND EXPEDITE UN STUDY OF UNFICYP FORCE STRUCTURE AND POSSIBLE REDUCTIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE DELIEVE USUN SHOULD PERSIST IN TALKS WITH UK AND CANADIAN REPS LOOKING TOWARD JOINT OR PARALLEL APPROACHES TO SYG (OR SECRETARIAT). WE HOPE UN AND UNFICYP WILL MAKE SOME RECOMMENDATIONS BY JUNE ON WAYS UNFICYP CAN BE CUT TO MATCH INCOME, EVEN IF SYG'S RECOMMENDATION FOR MORE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES (E. G. SHIFT TO OBSERVER FORCE) ARE NOT ACTED UPON UNTIL DECEMBER. DEPT WILL COMMENT SEPTTEL ON USUN 1195 AND LONDON 4014 JUST RECEIVED. ROGERS

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